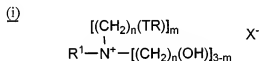


### *Amendments to the Claims*

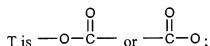
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A fabric conditioning composition in the form of an aqueous dispersion comprising:

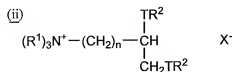
(a) an ester-linked quaternary ammonium fabric softening material selected from the group consisting of:



wherein each R is independently selected from a C<sub>5-35</sub> alkyl or alkenyl group, R<sup>1</sup> represents a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or hydroxyalkyl group or a C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl group,

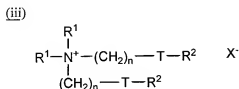


n is 0 or an integer selected from 1 to 4, m is 1, 2 or 3 and denotes the number of moieties to which it refers that pend directly from the N atom, and X<sup>-</sup> is an anionic group;



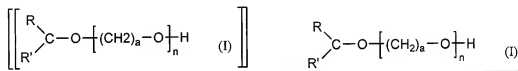
wherein each R<sup>1</sup> group is independently selected from C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, hydroxyalkyl or C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl groups; and wherein each R<sup>2</sup> group is independently selected from C<sub>8-28</sub>

alkyl or alkenyl groups; n is 0 or an integer from 1 to 5 and T and X<sup>-</sup> are as defined above, and



wherein each R<sup>1</sup> group is independently selected from C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, hydroxyalkyl or C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl groups; and wherein each R<sup>2</sup> group is independently selected from C<sub>8-28</sub> alkyl or alkenyl groups; n is 0 or an integer from 1 to 5 and T and X<sup>-</sup> are as defined above; and

(b) A nonionic material represented by formula (I):



wherein R and R' are independently selected from C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>15</sub> optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, hydroxyalkyl and benzyl groups and the combined number of carbons in R and R' is from 7 to 16, n is from ~~1 to 6~~ 2 to 4 and a is 2 or 3.

2. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein, in the nonionic material, n is from 2 to 5.

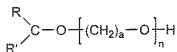
3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein, in the nonionic material, the total number of carbons, R + R', is from 8 to 15.

5. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein, in the nonionic material, the total number of carbons, R + R', is from 10 to 15.

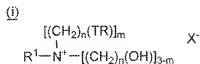
6. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein, in the nonionic material, the total number of carbons, R + R', is from 11 to 15.

7. (Currently amended) ~~The use of A method of improving the elevated temperature storage stability of a fabric conditioning composition comprising adding to the fabric conditioning composition~~ a nonionic material of formula:

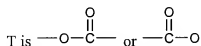


wherein R and R' are independently selected from C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>15</sub> optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, hydroxyalkyl and benzyl groups and the combined number of carbons in R and R' is from 7 to 16, n is from ~~1 to 6~~ 2 to 4 and a is 2 or 3;

~~in a fabric conditioning composition comprising wherein the fabric conditioning composition comprises~~ an ester linked quaternary ammonium fabric softening material selected from ~~the group consisting of:~~

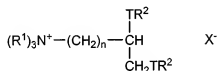


wherein each R is independently selected from a C<sub>5-35</sub> alkyl or alkenyl group, R<sup>1</sup> represents a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl or hydroxyalkyl group or a C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl group,



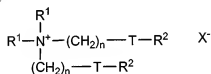
n is 0 or an integer selected from 1 to 4, m is 1, 2 or 3 and denotes the number of moieties to which it refers that pend directly from the N atom, and X is an anionic group;

(ii)



wherein each R<sup>1</sup> group is independently selected from C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, hydroxyalkyl or C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl groups; and wherein each R<sup>2</sup> group is independently selected from C<sub>8-28</sub> alkyl or alkenyl groups; n is 0 or an integer from 1 to 5 and T and X<sup>-</sup> are as defined above[.]; and

(iii)



wherein each R<sup>1</sup> group is independently selected from C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, hydroxyalkyl or C<sub>2-4</sub> alkenyl groups; and wherein each R<sup>2</sup> group is independently selected from C<sub>8-28</sub> alkyl or alkenyl groups; n is 0 or an integer from 1 to 5 and T and X<sup>-</sup> are as defined above;

to improve the elevated temperature storage stability of the fabric conditioning composition.